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Larry Edell, Editor

JANUARY MEETING

On January 20th we will meet at the home of Robert Ritterband, at 6576 Colgate Avenue, in Los Angeles. His phone is (213) 938-4504. The meeting will begin at 1 pm and please remember to bring your 1985 dues (\$3.) and material for our auction!! To get to the meeting, get off the Santa Monica Freeway at Fairfax and go North past Wilshire Blvd. Seven blocks North of Wilshire is Colgate. Turn left (West) and go a few blocks to 6576 Colgate, on the South side of the street.

ANDY & ELAINE

Members of our club have been saddened to hear of the death of our Treasurer, Andy Crusen, and of the serious injuries sustained by Elaine Willahan. Andy held CATC # 46 and was active in club affairs since he joined in 1964. He will be sorely missed by collectors everywhere. Elaine is recovering steadily at the home of her son and is getting better and stronger day by day.

LAST MEETING

The November meeting was held at John Barnes house in Sherman Oaks. Twelve attended: Bill Kirk, Jim Garner, Fred McGinnis, John Barnes, Boyd Cashman, Larry Edell, Steve Alpert, Alan Fried, Ken Smith, Eleanor Smith, Bob Kubach, and Howard Frost. Our auction brought \$2.35, thanks to the donations of Larry Edell. We had our 1985 elections, and Steve Alpert was elected President, Larry Edell Vice President, and John Barnes Treasurer. It was announced that dues should be sent to John, who will maintain C.A.T.C. correspondance and monetary functions. So send your \$3. dues to C.A.T.C., Box 5152, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. Eleanor Smith consented to be temporary secretary. Discussion during the meeting revolved around the Olympic tokens (which are mentioned elsewhere) and new token finds by Bill Kirk and Bob Kubach.

CATC ADS

With each TOKEN TOPICS we will print a short ad, FREE. Just bring your ad to the January 20th meeting or mail it to: C.A.T.C., Box 5152, SHERMAN OAKS CA 91403.

SPECIAL DEAL - \$80.00 worth of tokens for \$5 !!! Will sell Indiana 997-A,B,C,D (\$80. in 1983 catalog) for \$5. postpaid!! Only one set per member Will have some at Jan.20 meeting. LARRY EDELL, 1307B Amapola, Torrance 90501

PHILLIPINE TOKENS WANTED. will buy or trade. Bring them to the January 20th meeting. JOHN BARNES, P.O.Box 5152, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

WANTED- Uniform buttons, lapel pins from railroads, streetcar and transit lines. Also medals and tokens picturing trains, engines and diesel locomotives. BILL KIRK, 606 N. Ave.66, Apt 13, L.A., CA 90042

WANTED: Tokens, medals, and coins having to do with the state of Nevada. Will buy or trade. MARION BESTLE, 4010 W.Victory Bl., Burbank CA 91505

4 SALE plus postage: Pinnacle Pass Frontier Town, Good For 10% off, Scotts Valley CA Wooden Nickel for 50¢. Elongated Cent: Alcatraz Island or Fishermans Wharf (both S.F.) for 50¢ each. Julies Massage Studio, Good for \$1. off next massage, Bear Springs Nevada (fantasy) \$1.00. JOHN G. NICOLSI, Oceanbreeze Mobile Manor #43, 2565 Portola Dr., Santa Cruz CA., 95062

"The Best of TOKEN TOPICS" by Steve Alpert. Highlights of the first 100 issues of our newsletter. \$7. STEVE ALPERT, Box 66331, L.A., CA 90066

SCRIPTURE A series of twelve different scripture tokens are now
TOKENS available from Robert A. Putnam, P.O.Box 1164, Gresham,
Oregon 97030. Most tokens only had a minting of 1000, so
once the complete sets are gone, that's it. All twelve different different
bronze tokens are only \$5.75 postpaid, a very reasonable price for an
extremely interesting set of tokens.

PENNA Neil College is selling an extensive collection of Commemorative
TOKENS Pennsylvania coin club medals. Send 40¢ stamps for a complete
listing to NEIL COLLEGE, RD.2, BOX 338, ELIZABETHTOWN, PA.,
17022. He will also trade many of these medals for coins or other tokens. One
especially beautiful medal is the 1984 Hershey medal, selling for \$4.00. It
is a high relief medal with trains on both sides.

STOLEN 40,000 metal and 1,876 fiber tokens were stolen from the offices
TOKENS of Princess Cruise Ocean Liners in Century City. The tokens are
dollar size and are designed to be used for gambling while a
cruise is in progress. Of course, they will fit into any slot machine that
takes \$1.00 size tokens. If you see any of these for sale, call West L.A.
Burglary Detail at (213) 478-0731 or (213) 485-2504.

OLYMPIC Please check your large, dollar size "Special Fare" tokens.
TOKENS This is the series that cost \$6.00 per token and had nine
different varieties. We have heard that a number of these were
released with a plain edge instead of a reeded edge. If you have any plain
edge tokens, please call Larry Edell at (213)320-9164. By the way there are
two "new" Olympic token pattern tokens that should become available sometime
this month. Details will be heard at our January 20th meeting.

CATC At every meeting we hold a token auction. This is a chance for
ACTION you to get rid of your surplus tokens and make a little money
while CATC makes a small commission. Please bring your auction
items to the January 20th meeting or mail them to: C.A.T.C., Box 5152,
Sherman Oaks, California 91403. You'll be glad you did!!!

RAILROAD Railroad Printers has a wonderful catalog of tickets, passes,
PRINTERS rubber stamps, stationary, badges, and other railroad related
items. Their catalog is \$2. (a bargain!) and you get refund
coupons worth \$2.00 so it doesn't cost you anything if you order something!
Write to RAILROAD PRINTERS, P.O.Box 174, Boston, Mass., 02132.

BUTTONS & A great source for authentic Railroad buttons, patches, emblems,
PATCHES and decals is J.F.Lajoie. Most are only 60¢ and he has quite a
large selection. Send 40¢ postage for a catalog to:
J.F. LAJOIE, 22 Stevens Street, P.O.Box 3, Methuen, Mass., 01844. We have
ordered numerous items from him in the past and are very satisfied!!!

STATIONARY Send 40¢ in stamps to JOHN TERRY STUDIO, 8 McNab Avenue,
& DECALS Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 for his catalog. It features train and
bus stationary, neckties, scarves, calendars, and decals.

CHEAP Write to Ed Joyce, 5552 Riverton Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211
TICKETS and send him 15¢ plus a SAE and he'll send you a Jacksonville
bridge toll ticket. Or, send \$1. and he'll send a ticket plus
L 860B, which is a 75¢ catalog T.T. from St. Augustine.

Please come to the January 20th CATC meeting, and, bring a friend!!!
Remember to bring tokens to trade and items for our auction!!!!!!

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TOKEN COLLECTORS

The C.A.T.C. is a national non-profit society, based in California, of token collectors. We publish a bimonthly newsletter, TOKEN TOPICS, which contains news of California tokens, their companies, and the interests of our members, which are quite diverse. Members may also insert a free advertisement in each issue if they wish. C.A.T.C. members also receive a subscription to TOKEN TOPICS, delivered by first class mail, at no extra cost as part of their membership.

Members of our association have published numerous catalogs and books, many of which are available at substantial discounts at our meetings. We meet every other month, in January, March, May, July, September, and November. We meet the third Sunday of each month in members homes.

Since our beginning in 1957, the C.A.T.C. has issued numerous tokens of our own, some of which are now quite valuable. CATC has also hosted American Vecturist Association meetings in California, and is involved in other exonumist and numismatic organizations.

Membership in this society is available to all those interested in tokens or token history. Clubs, libraries, and museums may also join for the same rate. Dues are still only \$3.00 per year, and there is no initiation fee. Junior members under the age of 18 are especially welcome.

Our newsletter, TOKEN TOPICS, was started in 1966. Previously, members were notified of future meetings by postcard. The expansion to our current 2-4 page newsletter provided room for a report of the previous meeting, personal news and comments, and discoveries and reports of newly issued tokens of California. The club was strongly transportation token collector oriented in the early years (we were called the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors, and have a token listed on page 28 of the Atwood-Coffee catalog) but when member interests diversified, the name was changed to C.A.T.C. Over 110 issues of TOKEN TOPICS have been published, and many back issues are still available.

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() Yes, I want to () join, or, () renew membership in C.A.T.C.

Enclosed is my \$3 dues.

My collecting interests are: -----

Name _____ Phone _____

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COMMENTS _____

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Send this form to C.A.T.C., P.O.Box 5152, Sherman Oaks, California 91403

(more forms available at meetings or for a stamped, addressed envelope)

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Stephen P. Alpert,
Editor

OUR MARCH MEETING Plan to attend the Mar.17 meeting, being held at the home of Elaine Willahan, 516 W.99th St., L.A., near Century & Figueroa, just off the Harbor Fwy. The meeting will begin at 1 PM (please don't arrive before then) and last to about 5 PM, a free-for-all of token swapping, shopping & gabbing (with time out for the business meeting, discussions, and auction; to be followed by Elaine's delicious home cooked pies - a crowd favorite). Please try to bring along something exciting to sell in our auction (club gets 10% commission), as lately the auctions have been small, with mostly numismatic & transportation magazines, and hardly a token at all. We can also accept auction items from non-local members. Mail material to Steve Alpert for inclusion in the next meeting's auction (on donation material we can refund your postage if you wish).

1985 DUES This will be the last issue of Token Topics you'll receive if you haven't paid your \$3 dues for 1985. Send to Elaine Willahan, 516 W.99th St., L.A., CA 90044.

PREVIOUS MEETING Bob & Molly Ritterband hosted our Jan. meeting at their home in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles. In attendance were Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Bob & Harriet Carter, Boyd Cashman, Larry Edell, Bill Kirk, Bob Kubach, Fred McGinnis, Wally Schidler, Ken & Eleanor Smith, & George Ticknor, for a total of 16, not bad for a Superbowl Sunday. Our slate of club officers for 1985 is as follows: President - Steve Alpert; Vice Pres.- Larry Edell; Treasurer - John Barnes; Secretary - Elaine Willahan. We thank Eleanor Smith for serving as Acting Secretary, and Bob Ritterband as Associate Acting Secretary, our last two meetings. The Jan. auction brought \$4.35 to our treasury, thanks to donations from Larry Edell, John Nicolosi, & Bob Ritterband. In addition, cash donations were received from Ticknor (\$5), Bestard (\$1), and Carter (\$1).

One of the items discussed at the meeting was the new Fairfax Trolley, a single bus resembling a turn-of-the-century trolley, serving the Fairfax area. A second bus is being considered, as well as the use of tokens to be given to customers by Fairfax merchants, that would be good for a free ride. Current ridership is low.

TOKENS "LINE UP" IN MURDER TRIAL Last year, a private detective from Ventura, in L.A. on business, visited a West L.A. coin shop looking for information on tokens. He was referred to me. He was hired by the defense in the "Skid Row Stabber" trial of Santa Barbara. The accused, a skid row denizen, allegedly stabbed to death and robbed a local man who was known to carry an old token as a pocket piece. The accused man was found with a token on his possession, brass, about 25mm, blank reverse, reading "Olcese Sheep Ranch, 5, Patrick SF" (an old ranch near Santa Barbara), the same token (but the same specimen?) the murder victim carried. The detective needed information on the rarity of the token (which was previously unknown to collectors) to hopefully show that it wouldn't be uncommon for two people to be walking around with this token. He was also looking for similarly sized and appearing brass tokens to take pictures of, make enlargements, and form a "token lineup" for the trial, to see if friends of the murder victim could identify his pocket piece token out of the group. I found some in my junk box, which he photographed.

The accused was found guilty of the crime, but the token(s) played a negligible part in the trial. He's now in prison, with the decision being appealed, and the Olcese token is thus still being held as evidence.

TOKEN TIDBITS: Has anyone ever tried using a psychic to identify mavericks? Private pay phones may become widespread soon, and local businesses operating them could issue security-type tokens. Something to be on the lookout for. The early 1960's rock & roll group "The Tokens" had their biggest hit "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" in 1961. (I

was in the same high school class with one of them at the time.) Does anyone have a token picturing a sleeping lion? Does anyone know about the Three Stooges fan club-trade token issued in recent years in Lincoln, Nebraska? It's mentioned in a new book on Three Stooges collectibles. I want to get one!

FREE ADS I (Steve Alpert) will be publishing the JULY & NOV. Token Topics; Larry Edell will publish the MAY & SEPT. issues. Send your ad to the appropriate person, the month before the issue date. Addresses: S.Alpert, Box 66331, L.A., CA 90066; L.Edell, 1307B Amapola Ave., Torrance, CA 90501. No very long ads please.

WANTED: Tennis Award medals. All help is appreciated! Cindy Grellman, 6733 Post Oak Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117

NEBRASKA Trade Tokens Rarity - Now recording for 3rd Ed. Appreciate NE listings of dairy, military, CCCs, prison, bakery, saloons, bi-metal, brewery, canning & banks. If desired will be kept confidential, postage refunded. George Hosek, 7411 Idledale, Omaha, NE 68112

WANT TO BUY - Calif. 70-A (restrike only). Will pay any reasonable price. Robert Ritterband, 6576 Colgate Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048. (213) 938-4504

WANT TO BUY: old nickel-size San Francisco trade tokens, Roberto Clemente exonumia, and any collections of tokens. Write. Selling new amusement token book \$11, autographed; new Antique Gambling Chips book, \$17 (only \$12 at March CATC meeting!). Stephen Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

CASH PAID for 42,992 tokens and medals in 1984. Many more needed in 1985. Williges, Box 445, Wheatland, CA 95692

FOR SALE plus post - Chuckie Cheese tokens (no city, 1981-2, vars), 50¢ ea. Double Cola alum. spinner, \$1. Woods at 50¢ ea: (Jacks Shoe Repair, 50¢; Buds Ice Cream Parlor; Knights Appli-
ance Santa Cruz). Previous ad still good. Have better TTs to trade. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr. #43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

BUYING HAWAIIAN TOKENS (lunch, saloon, dairy, military, encased cent, plantation, etc.). Please send list and price affixed. Write to Gary Lau, 4366 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816

City Seeks to Lure More Fairfax Trolley Riders

By MATHIS CHAZANOV, *Times Staff Writer*

City officials hope to increase ridership on the 4-month-old Fairfax Trolley by cutting the fare in half, adding a second bus and launching a districtwide promotion campaign.

The proposed changes were prompted by concern that ridership "definitely is not looking full," said Brian Davis, president of Pacific Busing Inc., which operates the service under a \$25-an-hour contract with the city.

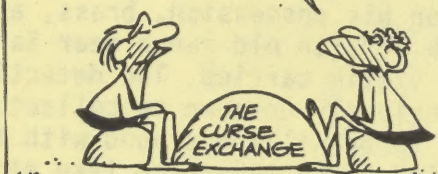
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gap Oct. 29.

They also are considering issuing tokens to merchants who would hand them out to customers. "Let's say you go to your local business, to your local kosher butcher, and he says, 'Good, you bought four pounds of *flanken* (flank steak). Here's your token for the trolley,'" Yaroslavsky's aide said.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

MAY YOUR ECCENTRIC GRANDFATHER
LEAVE YOU 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN
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MAY 19th Meeting

Please plan to attend the May 19th meeting, to be held again at the home of Elaine Willahan, 516 West 99th Street (in L.A.) near Century and Figueroa, just West of the Century Blvd exit on the Harbor Freeway. Our meeting will begin at 1 Pm and be followed by Elaine's delicious home made pies!!! Yum!! Our auction will be a high point of the meeting, as it will contain, among other items, Andy Crusen's book collection, which will surely interest many of our members! Tokens and other material will also be accepted by mail or in person. This helps CATC out also, as we get a 10% commission on auction material. Donations will also be accepted for our auction. So remember, May 19th, at Elaine's!!!!

PREVIOUS MEETING

The March meeting was also hosted by Elaine, and sixteen members attended: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Besterd, Harriet Carter, Robert Carter, Boyd Cashman, Jim Garner, Bill Kirk, Bob Null, Eleanor Smith, Ken Smith, Wally Shidler, George Ticknor, Elaine Willahan, Robert Ritterband, and, Fred McGinnis. Our meeting auction netted the club \$16.35, thanks to commissions and donations from Fred McGinnis, Bob Carter, Steve Alpert, John Barnes, and Bill Massey. This brought the total inour club treasury to \$659.57. The usual buying, trading, and selling commenced throughout the meeting, and a grand time was had by all!! Plan now to be at the May 19th meeting and get in on the fun!!!!

FREE MAGAZINES

The following companies will send you a FREE copy of their numismatic publication. You are under no obligation to subscribe. They are listed in order of the editors favorites:

RARE COIN REVIEW, Bowers and Merena, Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894
THE NUMISMATIST, The A.N.A., Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901
COIN WORLD, P.O.Box 150, Sidney Ohio 45365
NUMISMATIC NEWS, Iola, Wisconsin 54990
THE SHEKEL, A.I.N.A., P.O.Box 25790 Tamarac, Florida 33320 (Israel collect.)
TIMBER LINES, PO Box 624, Witt, IL 62094 (Wooden Money Collectors)

UTAH TOKENS

Collectors of Utah exonumia can soon find up to date information in a revised edition of CAMPBELL'S TOKENS OF UTAH. This third edition is available for only \$9.95 plus \$2 postage if you order before May 31. The book will describe over 7000 tokens and will be mailed out September 1985. Order from the author: HARRY CAMPBELL, 2105 E. 3300 South-A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.

MARDI GRAS DOUBLOONS

Collectors of Mardi Gras tokens will be interested in the new 1985 MARDI GRAS GUIDE. It is only \$1.95 (plus \$1. postage) and 112 pages long, a great buy! Order from the author: ARTHUR HARDY, P.O.Box 8085, New Orleans LA 70182.

CANADA TOKENS

The CTD Guide to Canadian Trade Dollars is available for \$3 from Micro-Art, 12 Lyon Heights Road, Scarborough, Ontario, M1P 3V3, CANADA. It catalogs all trade tokens listed until 1984. Values are given, and U.S. pieces are also listed. Listing of trade token dealers concludes the volume.

TRAIN
BOOKS

You can get a free publications list by writing to the
BOSTON STREET RAILWAY ASSOCIATION, P.O.Box 102,
Cambridge, MA 02238. They have books, maps, photographs,
and slides of the Northeastern states' rail vehicles. A great catalog!!!

CANADA
TOKENS

You can get two good Canadian tokens for half price, only
\$2.00 postpaid from SILVER DOLLARS REGISTERED, 389 King ST.,
West. Toronto, ON M5V 1K1 CANADA. The two tokens are: An
Empire of Odd Fellows Rowing Token, and a Port Dalhousie Bathhouse token.

RAILROAD
CURRENCY

Dr. John Muscalus has written an extremely interesting book
on Railroad Currency, which was used in the U.S. from
1830 to 1900. All notes are illustrated, and the book is only
\$5.00 from the HISTORICAL PAPER MONEY INSTITUTE, Box 187, Bridgeport,
PA 19405. Also ask for their FREE publications price list.

FREE
ADS

All CATC members are entitled to a FREE ad in every issue
of TOKEN TOPICS. For the July issue, send all free ads to
STEVE ALPERT, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066. Auction
items can also be sent to Steve. You can also bring your ads and auction
items to the May 19th meeting at Elaine Willahan's house!!! See you there!

1982 Bronze Coca Cola Medallions, only \$5.50 postpaid, from Gary Lau,
4366 Kilauea Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

SPECIAL- \$80.00 of tokens for \$5!!! Will sell Indiana 997A,B,C,D (\$80.00 in
new catalog!) for only \$5.00 postpaid, or will trade for???
LARRY EDELL, 1307-B Amapola Avenue, Torrance CA 90501

"THE BEST OF TOKEN TOPICS" by Steve Alpert. Contains highlights of the
first 100 issues of our newsletter, TOKEN TOPICS. Only \$7. postpaid!!
STEVEN ALPERT, P.O. BOX 66331, Los Angeles, California 90066

FOR SALE: CA Fantasy #1 & #2 75¢ each, CA 997N 75¢, CA 1000AA, AB 50¢ each,
MA 1000B 75¢, VA 1000C 75¢, NH 1000A, B \$1.25 each, NJ 1000A, B 1.25 each,
VT 1000A \$1.25, SC 1000B \$1.25, Virgin Islands 1000A only \$3.00. JOHN G.
NICOLSI, Oceanbreeze mobile Manor #43, 2565 Portola Dr., Santa Cruz CA 95062

PHILIPPINE TOKENS WANTED. Will buy or trade. Bring them to the May 19th
meeting or send to John Barnes, P.O. Box 5152, Sherman Oaks CA 91413

FREE TOKEN AND MEDAL PRICE LIST!!! Also buy tokens and medals.
WILLIGES, P.O. Box 445, Wheatland, CA 95692

WANTED: Census paper clips, will buy or trade.
ROBERT RITTERBAND, 6576 Colgate Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90048

NEW AMUSEMENT TOKEN BOOK, only \$11.00 postpaid and autographed!! New
Gambling Chip book only \$17. WANTED: Old San Francisco trade tokens and
Roberto Clemente tokens. STEVE ALPERT, Box 66331, L.A., CA 90066

COLLECTION OF 1,025 different transportation tokens - will sell for \$500.,
or trade for computer or fishing equipment. LARRY EDELL (213) 320-9164.

Nebraska tokens wanted for cataloging. Postage refunded.
GEORGE HOSEK, 7411 Idledale, Omaha, Nebraska 68112

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JULY MEETING John Barnes will host our July summer meeting on Sunday, July 21, beginning about 1:00PM, at his home in Sherman Oaks, at 4021 Pacheco Drive. From Valley Vista turn onto Stone Canyon - go uphill one block to Pacheco Dr., turn right and go another short block to 4021. If you haven't been there before, check a map; if still confused, phone John at 783-6745 for help.

Bring something for the club auction, if possible, and try to bring some material along to trade or sell. Lately most people come empty-handed, wanting to buy, with only four or so people bringing material to trade or sell. Years ago almost everyone came loaded down with material, which made for more successful meetings. So throw some odds and ends in a box, and/or bring along some more valuable items to our meetings. Also bring along your free ad for the next issue of Token Topics.

PREVIOUS MEETING A good turnout of 20 people attended our May meeting, hosted by Elaine Willahan (assisted by Eleanor Smith and Harriet Carter who provided the refreshments). Present were members Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Robert & Harriet Carter, Boyd Cashman, Larry Edell, Jim Garner, Don Hauser, Bill Kirk, Bob Kubach, Fred McGinnis, Wally Shidler, Ken & Eleanor Smith, Paul Thompson, George Ticknor, and Elaine Willahan; plus guests Matt Warner (an AVA member all the way from Philadelphia) and Lillian Lundgren.

The May meeting featured two auctions. First, in our regular club auction, 19 lots of miscellaneous exnumia and collectibles realized about \$58.00; thanks to donations from Larry Edell, Bob Coney, Gary Lau, and John Nicolosi, our treasury grew by \$14.05. In addition, George Ticknor donated \$5.00 cash. The second auction, which drew the big attendance, was Andy's railroad and transportation books. The 67 lots realized \$221.00 (with 10% to CATC). Just about everyone went away happy with several to many prized volumes. And thanks to our auctioneer John Barnes, who really had a workout that day!

The usual token trading activity and discussions kept those in attendance busy the rest of the meeting. Our treasurer, John Barnes, reported a balance of 671.11, not including the day's income from the auctions and dues received at the May meeting.

FULLERTON COLLECTIBLES SHOW The Calif. Exnumist Society's Collectibles Show is back in Fullerton this year, after moving down to San Diego last year. It will be held on August 3, from 9:30 to 4:30, at Griswold's in Fullerton (take the Riverside Fwy to Raymond Ave.; one block north of interchange), in the California Room. About 20 (I guess) exnumia dealers will be set up. This will be the biggest exnumia event of the year in southern California, so try to attend.

NEW BOOKS Several new, affordable exnumia books have recently been published, which should be of interest to many CATC members. First, "Play Money of American Children" by Richard F. Clothier, is the first book on the subject of play money. It catalogues in detail, by series, all play money coins (such as Milton Bardley, Charms, Cracker Jack, Lucky, Mazuma, Popsicle, Red Goose, Tex-A-Toy, Tracies, Uncle Sam, Whitman, and many dozens of lesser known series). There is also a lot of history and background information included.

All listings are fully described and given a catalogue number and value. The book contains over 300 photos; some paper bills are illustrated, but another book is planned for them. All this is packed into the 52-page 8½x11 soft cover book, priced at only \$5.95 plus postage (\$1 for 3rd class, \$2 for 1st class). Order from the author at Route 8, Washington, Mass. 01223.

Just published is "Scouting Exonumia" by Rudy Dioszegi. My copies haven't arrived yet, so I can only relate the following from the author: "The first book ever about Boy Scout and Girl Scout coins, tokens, woods, and "paper" notes worldwide. 175 pages, 500+ items illustrated, plus histories, grading, and values." Price is \$10.00 postpaid. Order from Dio Enterprises, P.O.Box 643, Holland, PA 18966. I'll (Steve Alpert) have a few copies for sale at the CATC meeting or at Fullerton.

Finally, "Antique Gambling Chips" by Dale Seymour, provides the first catalogue on this large segment of exonumia. The 285 page 8½x11 soft cover book is profusely illustrated (probably over 2000 chips are pictured full size, plus a great color cover). Ivory chips are catalogued in detail with values, as are inlaid chips, advertising chips, and composition & paper chips picturing animals, designs, people, plants, cards, sports, transportation, letters, monograms, and numerals. In addition, illustrated but not catalogued are many chips made of bone and mother-of-pearl, plus casino chips, dealer chips & markers, and miscellaneous chips and tokens. There's also sections on the history of gambling chips, tips for collectors, patented designs, chip containers, boxes and racks, and reproductions of chip ads from old sales catalogues. Price is \$16.95 plus shipping, from Past Pleasures, P.O.Box 50863, Palo Alto, CA 94303. (I have 2 copies left - would bring to CATC or Fullerton if so requested.)

FREE MEMBER ADS :

SPECIAL - Will send five different transit tokens with a total catalogue value of over \$100.00!!! All for only \$10.00, postpaid!!! Larry Edell, 1307-B Amapola Ave., Torrance, CA 90501

BUYING HAWAIIAN Tokens: Plantation, dairy, school, encased penny, saloon, and commercial (advertising) tokens. Also medals and paper items. Gary Lau, 4366 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816

MY MAIL BID SALE #22 closing in October consists of Andy's (our late friend and Treasurer) trade token collections, featuring CA, OR, WA, ID, NV, plus other states & misc. exonumia. Many rarities. CATC members can request a free copy; others send \$1.00 for the auction catalogue. Stephen Alpert, P.O.Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

"FOR SALE PLUS SAE;; Parking, MSPT 3077-A- 60¢-3070-B-60¢-Denmark 3005 Unlisted 75¢ Ariz-840-G-2 vars 50¢ ea-Pa-1000-D-65¢- Double Cola Spinner Alum,\$1.00- Incentice Dollar Dollar size white metal reeded edge nice,PKS CONTRACTORS SEC So.Electric Contractors \$1.00ea.--Football schedules,Oakland Raiders 1973-(NEW) Miami Dolphins (used)1971- \$1.00 ea.. Julies Massage Studio Bear Springs NV. G/F/\$1.00 next Massage(Fantasy) \$1.00. John G.Nicolosi,Ocean Breeze Mobile Manor,2565 Portola Dr. #43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062-5044"

IF YOU BID in my Auction 21 (closing July 17) and will be attending the CATC meeting (July 21) or Fullerton show (Aug.3) you can pick up your auction purchases there and save on mailing costs. Let me know. Steve Alpert, 213-478-7405.

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Larry Edell, Editor

Sept 15 meeting Please plan on attending our September 15th meeting, to be held at the home of Elaine Willahan, 516 West 99th Street, in Los Angeles. Take the Century Blvd exit off the Harbor Freeway, go West to Figueroa, and turn right (North). Go one block to 99th Street, turn left, and there you are! Our meeting will begin at 1 PM and will commence with yummy refreshments!! An auction, as usual, will be one of the high points of the meeting, so be sure to bring lots of interesting auction items...the club makes a 10% commission on all auctions, so it is a good deal for both you and the club! Also be sure to bring material to swap or sell, as there is always interest in that! So remember, see you on September 15th at Elaine's!!!!!!!!!!!!

Last Meeting The previous meeting was hosted by John Barnes, and nine attended: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Boyd Cashman, Larry Edell, Lillian Lundgren, Eleanor Smith, Ken Smith, Alan Weinberg, and, Elaine Willahan. An interesting auction brought the club \$27.25, thanks to commissions, and donations from Elaine Willahan, Larry Edell, John Nicolosi, and Steve Alpert. Discussion included a talk about the alleged "plain edge" large olympic commemorative tokens--everyone had heard of them but no one has seen any in person. The usual trading of tokens and stories commenced, and refreshments were provided by Lillian Lundgren. A grand time was had by all! Plan now to be at the Sept. 15th meeting at Elaine's, and remember to bring your trading and auction tokens.

Special Deal A NASC (Numismatic Association of So. Calif.) commemorative PNC (Philatelic-Numismatic Cover) worth \$10.00 will be sent with each paid subscription to "MONEY TALKS" magazine. The PNC is a stamped envelope with a beautiful medal mounted on it. MONEY TALKS is published monthly and features coins, stamps, tokens, medals, and an interesting miscellaneous section. It also has a special section for Franklin Mint items. Twelve issues PLUS the \$10 PNC is only \$6.00, truly a great bargain!!! Send to: Superior Stamp and Coin, 9301 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills CA 90210. Their phone is (213) 272-0851. By the way, Superior is still selling \$25 worth of old mint US stamps for face value (\$25.) plus \$1.50 postage. A great way to send interesting letters!!!

NEW MEMBERS Last month we had five new members join our club: Richard Mitchell, Al Erickson, V.F. Yates, David Desmond, and ED Ellenbeck. CATC membership is a great bargain at \$3.00, be sure to tell all your token collecting friends about it!!!!

FIRE MEDALS A beautiful medal commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Charlottesville, Va Volunteer Fire Company is now available for only \$2.00 plus a 39¢ SSAE. A limited amount of medals are available from: L.S. KEY, 2315 Price Avenue, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

AVA CONVENTION The AVA Convention was held last month at the Carlton Inn, Toronto, Canada. About 80 AVA members attended, and it proved to be one of the best conventions yet. Over 1000 tokens were auctioned off!! The tour token turned out to be an elevator passage token, which carried members up to the "Top of Toronto", atop the CN Tower, where a wonderful banquet was held. Many U.S. and Canadian collectors met each other for the first time, and a great time was had by all, and everyone is looking forward to the 1986 Convention!!

BOOK REVIEW

"Nebraska Merchant Trade Tokens, Town/Place
Rarity Listing, and Other Exonumia" by George

Hosek, Third Edition, 1985, 42 photocopy pages in softcover binder. (For ordering, see ad this issue.)

While not a token catalogue, this is the next best thing - a detailed census of 35 collections of Nebraska tokens, tabulating the number of tokens each collector has for the hundreds of Nebraska towns. Over 53,000 tokens are accounted for. In addition, special census charts are given for specific tokens of many topical categories: saloons, military, bimetal, brewery, Brunswick, prison, canning, GF mirrors, CCC, dairy, bank, town anniversary medals, etc. Hundreds of tokens are illustrated via excellent rubbings, plus there are photocopies of 29 Good For mirrors.

With Nebraska tokens currently one of the hottest and most actively collected states, this book is a valuable reference. Use it to identify just one scarce Nebraska town token in your possession, and you'll more than recover the cost of the book.

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FREE Every member of CATC is entitled to one free ad in each issue
ADS of TOKEN TOPICS. Send your ads for the next (November) issue to:
Stephen Alpert, P.O.Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066, or, just
bring them to the CATC meeting at Elaine's on September 15th!!!!

About 200 old badges (police, fire, etc) for sale, from the collection of
radio's Major Bowes (both presentation badges bearing his name, and regular
badges). Send \$2.00 for list (available soon), refundable with purchase.

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OVER \$100.00 worth of transit tokens for \$10.00 postpaid! Will send five
different transit tokens that catalog at OVER \$100.00 for only \$10.,postpaid!
LARRY EDELL, 1307-B Amapola Avenue, Torrance CA 90501

NEW THIRD EDITION of Nebraska Merchant Trade Token Town Rarity book-- only
\$7.50 postpaid! 42 pages with many new sections added and showing a total
count of 53,368 tokens. GEORGE HOSEK, 7411 Idledale Lane, Omaha NE 68112

Witt, Illinois, and Burlington, Iowa items wanted....Tokens, woods, medals,
postcards, photos, any item showing the city and state, or, verified
mavericks. All letters answered. LLOYD ANDRIES JR, Box 624, Witt, IL 62094

Mardi Gras tokens from New Orleans...have perhaps 50 of these, for best cash
offer and postage---Canvas Money Bags: Different sizes and banks, a few
transit bags also...all for best cash offer plus postage. JOHN G. NICOLosi,
Ocean Breeze Mobile Manor, 2565 Portola Drive #43, Santa Cruz CA 95062-5044

For only \$1.95 you will receive an Encase Penny in a Good Luck Horseshoe
Token, and a 22 page list and prices of Gaming Tokens and Chips of the U.S.A.
and world!! DEB'S, P.O.Box 6445, Burbank California 91505

Bid Board- THE COIN DEPOT, 123 N.San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel, Calif.,---
Up to 200 lots of exonumia weekly! Call Don Hauser at (213) 287-8144.

"THE BEST OF TOKEN TOPICS" by Steve Alpert: Highlights of the first 100 issues
of our newsletter, \$7.00 STEVE ALPERT, P.O.Box 66331, Los Angeles CA 90066

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NOVEMBER MEETING Sunday, Nov. 17 is the date for our next meeting, again to be held at the home of Elaine Willahan, 516 West 99th St., Los Angeles, near Century Blvd. and the Harbor Freeway. Meeting hours will be from 1 to 4:30 PM. Our usual November club elections (dreaded by many) were taken care of at our last meeting (see below), so let's have a good turnout. Interesting and desirable items have been showing up in our club auctions, and November will be no exception. Many California and other tokens are already in hand to be auctioned in groups; plus who knows what other treasures will be put on the auction block. Help out by bringing something interesting for the auction - you get 90% of the selling price; or if you donate it, our treasury gets it all. Also, bring along your trading material; the more material that comes, the better the meeting is.

If you'll be at the November meeting, it will be a good time to pay your dues for 1986, still only \$3.00; others please mail your dues to Elaine at the above address; Zip is 90044.

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT Fourteen members were in attendance at our Sept. 15 meeting at Elaine's home: Steve Alpert, Dick Bestard, John Barnes, Robert and Harriet Carter, Boyd Cashman, Robert Kubach, Fred McGinnis, Chuck Short, Wally Shidler, Ken and Eleanor Smith, Frank Roselinsky, and Elaine Willahan. A big auction of 34 lots was the highlight of the meeting (along with Elaine's pies & cakes). There were bulk lots of amusement tokens, ration tokens, and wooden nickels, plus many Railway Guides and other transportation related books and items, plus miscellaneous exnumia. Our club realized \$31.75 in commissions and from donations of material by Willahan, McGinnis, Barnes, and Roselinsky. In other business, the incumbent club officers were re-elected unopposed and unanimously for another year: Steve Alpert, President & Co-Editor; Larry Edell, Vice President & Co-Editor; Elaine Willahan, Secretary; and John Barnes, Treasurer.

ODDS & ENDS & NEWS & NOTES Charles Kappen is working on a revised edition of his popular CALIFORNIA TOKENS book. You can aid him in this massive undertaking by sending him rubbings of any unlisted pieces you may possess. His Address is 2201 Peachtree Lane, San Jose, CA 95128. : : : : : Some Nevada casinos are introducing \$25 slot machines using special tokens. The Las Vegas Hilton is using one ounce pure silver tokens in their \$25 machines. I haven't seen these tokens yet, but they sound like a much better than usual deal from a casino in that you're getting some intrinsic value in a high denomination piece. If you're going to Las Vegas, keep an eye out for this or other high value slot machine tokens, and get us full descriptions if possible. : : : : : Harold Smith of Reno died last month. Harold's Club casino of Reno was named for him by his father in 1936; over the years they issued a variety of exnumia. Harold got \$2 million when Hughes bought his club for \$11.5 million in 1971, but he subsequently lost most of it. : : : : : To my surprise, Loeff's Lite-A-Line game is still in operation on what's left of the Pike in Long Beach. This bingo-pinball game where players compete against each other, is probably still using tokens to pay the winners. I had thought they closed down back in 1979 when the entire surrounding area began being redeveloped, but a recent newspaper article on the

operation states they are the only remaining amusement enterprise on the Pike. It's a living fossil of sorts, still using tokens made about 45 years ago. In the same building, Charles Looft debuted his hand carved carousel in 1911; Lite-A-Line began in the building in 1941, run by Charles' son Arthur, and partner Al Brown (now 77 and still running the game). The building is scheduled to be razed for condominiums in the near future. : : : : CATC members are invited to submit news and articles for publication in **Token Topics**. And don't forget that you may submit a free ad for each issue. This issue's ads are below.

Will send ten different personal tokens for \$1.00 or will trade for any ten different. Larry Edell, 7211 Cozycroft Ave.#68, Canoga Park, CA 91306

Military tokens wanted for personal collection. Please send list with prices asked. Ed Ellenbeck, P.O. Box 15081, Tucson, AZ 85708

I'm always looking for tennis award medals and Louisiana tokens. Thanks for your help! Cindy Grellman, 6733 Post Oak Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117

Buying Hawaiian tokens, school lunch, saloons, dairys, plantation, transportation, amusement, encased cents, medals, and military. Gary Lau, 4366 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816

I want to buy maverick trade tokens, especially attractive or ornate old ones, and Brunswick and other old billiard tokens. Masonic pennies also needed. Let me know what you have for sale. Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Free! Personal token honoring Statue of Liberty. Good for 50¢ on any purchase. Also free! Next 3 exonomic price lists. Williges, Box 445, Wheatland, CA 95692

For sale plus SAE...Ca-825-F-G as a set, 40¢ - several sets available. 300-N-35¢, 575-Q-.35 WI-840-L-.70-W.Va.590-C-.45 MI-560-T-U-V-W-\$3.00 set, Ariz-840-G, 2 vars. 50¢ ea. PA-495-V W X set \$1.80. English & Scottish available as for list. John G. Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

1984 Los Angeles Olympic bus token sealed sets for sale at way below my cost - only \$10 each, plus \$2.40 postage per order (not per set). Makes a nice holiday gift. Stephen Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066